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CO-OPS AID FARM BUYING POWER

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

One dominant factor, more than any other, bulwarked and sustained California agriculture during the difficult farm depression years—and kept California farmers in the market, buying the products of industry.

That was the strength and well-knit organization of California farm cooperatives, which kept money rolling into California from the markets both of this country and of the world by means of their efficient distribution and selling of the farm products of this state.

When supply far outstripped demand, California farm co-ops developed new ways to use the products they had to sell and found new ways to make the public want and buy them.

And as bad as times were, that meant far more money coming into California, to be spent in California, than would have been the case had the same products been sold in a depressed, usrfeited market for whatever the purchaser might care to pay.

This augmented purchasing power was reflected in more business for the town and city merchant, lawyer and business man of every kind, so that every section of California and people in every walk of life were benefited.

It is well to recall this major contribution of the farm cooperatives associations at this particular time, for in the eastern and middle western states there has been a recent outbreak of propaganda to the effect that farmers' cooperatives are not paying taxes which their competitors pay. The charges are wholly untrue, but so that the public should not be misled the true facts should be made known.

These are the facts:

Farmers' cooperatives do pay taxes—the same as any other person or corporation. They pay on the property they own, on their buildings and equipment, on the supplies on hand when tax day rolls around, just as every other taxpayer pays.

Does anyone think that farm co-ops escape paying corporation franchise taxes? If anyone has any such idea, he is mistaken—for farmers' co-operatives pay this tax too, just like any corporate organization.

Does anyone think that farm co-operatives do not pay income taxes whe nthey make a profit. If anyone does, he is wrong again—for if the farm co-opeatves makes a profit, it pays an income tax to both federal and state governments, just as any other business pays.

The farm cooperative, to be sure, does not usually make a profit, since it is designed to operate on a non-profit bassi. But the farmer, who makes the profit because his farm co-op returned him a better price, does pay an income tax.

For example, a farmer might sell his products in the eastern market through a private agency which returned him $100 for the product he shipped, and the agency might make a $10 profit which it pocketed. On this $10 it would pay an income tax.

In another case, a farmer might sell through his cooperative association. If the association, instead of keeping $10 for profit, returned it to the farmer along with the $100 the association would not make any profit, but the farmer who did make the extra $10 profit would pay an income tax on it.

The tax would be paid just the same—by the man or agency making the profit. And that is as it should be. If the private agency which made the $10 profit from the sale of the farmers products decided at the end of the year it wanted to be generous and return it to the farmer, then the private agency would not pay the tax on the profit, but the farmer would. So the tax is not avoided; it is simply a question of who made the profit on which the tax is paid.

The people of California, cooperative member and non-cooperative member alike, if they have the welfare of their state and the farming industry at heart, should be interested in having the extra $10 returned to the farmer here where it will be spent here, not once but many times, enriching the state and its people as it turns over and over in the course of business.

That was what kept California agriculture out of the lowest depths of the depression—and to a large extent, kept the whole state from being as hard hit as other farm states where the cooperative movement was not up to California standards. And California farm co-ops in all likelihood will have the same vital role to play in helping this state to weather the post war readustment period.

ED CAREY ONE TIME STAGE DRIVER PASSES

Funeral services were held this morning for the late Edward P. Carey who died yesterday morning in a local hospital. The obsequies took place at 10 o'clock in St. Canice Catholic Church under direction of the Holmes Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Catholic Cemetery.

Carey was aged 73 years, and was a native of Cherokee, Nevada County. His active years were spent as a stage driver and teamster. One of his feats of driving was to turn a twenty horse team wagon and trailer around at the Pine and Broad streets interrestion in this city. For several years he drove the stage that plied between Nevada City and Washington, 17 miles east of here. In early days he drove freight wagons loaded with garden produce from North San Juan, Nevada County, to Virginia City, Nevada. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Carey who came to Nevada County in fifties.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Kate Peterson of Sacramento, and several nephews and nieces.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED

Rev. Cedric Porter, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church and president of the Nevada City Rotary Club, announced yesterday that beginning February 1st, an Institute of International Understanding under the sponsorship of the club and Nevada City Unified School District, will open here.

There will be four meetings and speakers and their topics follow: New China in the New Pacific, Mrs. Geraldine Fitch; Russia's position east and west, Thomas L. Harris; The Role of the North American Continent, Allen D. Albert; and Australia, New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific, Archibald Gilchrist.

The general topic of the institute is New Forces in World Affairs. Mrs. Fitch, the first speaker will make her address in the auditorium of the elementary school.

NEW PAINT STORE TO OPEN HERE

Don L. Bluxobe has bought the old bank building on Broad street and is preparing to open a paint store and cabinet shop and furniture refinishing establishment about the first of February. Bluxome will also make all sorts of lawn furniture and do repair work. The shop will do spray painting.

The newly purchased building is being repainted, repapered and linoleum will be laid on the floor to give it an up to date appearance.

Bluxome is no stranger to this city as he operated the Long John's Tavern successfully the past seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Bluxome own an attractive home on Reward street in this city.

Nevada City Fails To Buy E Bond Quota

Curren Heath, chairman of the 6th War Loan committee, reports that Nevada City went well over the top in its bend selling drive with $204,145.70, as compared with Nevada City's quota of $185,000.

However, Heath called attention to the fact that the community failed to buy its E bond quota of $53,000 purchasing but $38,170.75 in this sereis.

CHAMBER FAVORS SCHOOL DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce the proposal to change the boundaries of the Bloomfield-Washington School District, recently united by the board of supervisors, so as to include in the Nevada City Unified School District an area cantaining $3,000,000 of assessible public uitility property, was unanimously endorsed.

George Calanan, chairman of a committee which is supporting this proposal, stated that the projected boundary change in the two school districts will add to the Nevada District an assessment roll of $5,000,000 for the support of from 500 to 800 school children, but will still leave the Bloomfield-Washington District more than $1,250,000 to the care for the needs of its seven to 15 school children.

FRED SEARLS, JR. ON BYNES STAFF

Although Fred Searls Jr. notified friends here that he had resigned last February as assistant to Justice James F. Byrnes, director of the Office of War Mobilization, on account of political disunity, it is evident that Byrnes holds him in high regard for Searls is again one of the five leading members of his staff.

Searls has spent the past several months in England as an envoy for the U. S. Army Air Force,s but is now back on the job with Byrnes.

News Week has this to say of him: "As a special assistant in the Office of War Mobilization, Searls scanned the war production program with a view of saving taxpayers money. He is credited with having saved several million dollars. He served at the War Production Board too when he was assistant to Ferdinand Eberstadt, who resigned in February, 1943, when the military lost one of the first battles for closer control of the home front effort."

It is known that Searls has great respect and admination for Justice Byrnes and it evident that Byrnes is now out to make the home front a little more war conscious than it has been in the past.

This is indicated by his new order affecting horse racing and more restrictions on rationing of vital foods and materials. There is no question but that a great many people have become too lethargic and must be made to realize that the war situation is still very serious and will require a lot of effort on our part before it is won.

OPEN SEASON FOR PISMO CLAMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8—Wardens of the State Division of Fish and Game report that Pismo clams are plentiful at the present time, and that diggers have been quite successful in obtaining these mollusks. Low tides starting January 11 will allow further pursuit of these delectable bivalves.

No Pismo clams less than five inches in diameter may legally be taken and the bag limit is 15 per day. An angling license is required.

Low tides will also give abalone fishermen some sport before the close of this season on January 14.

Miss Larraine Pike Weds Elmer Haug

Miss Lorraine Pike and Elmer H. Haug were married Sunday afternoon, December 31st in the Methodist Church of Grass Valley by Rev. Mark Pike father of the bride. Mice Patricia Pike was maid of honor and Cadet Chester Haug was best man.

The bride was dressed in a two piece sut of blue trimmed with gold sequins. Her corsage was o orchids. The ceremony took place before a lighted Christmas tree. A reception was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Lang for the relatives and the friends of the happy pair.

The bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Haug of Tacoma, Washington, is a mining engineer employed by the American Smelting and Refining Company in Salt Lake City where the couple will make their home.

"THIS MAY BE JERRY'S LAST SPLURGE"

Helen Chapman in charge of a Red Cross clubmobile near the Holland front writes her father Dr. C. W. Chapman of the fighting man's viewpoint of the fighting front. She writes:

Dear Poppy:

It looks as if Jerry is making a desperate splurge. I hope it is his last breath. The soldiers are very war weary. Many have been fighting since North Africa. They do not like to hear about production of ammunition and have shells rationed, nor stories of strikes and black marketing, and everybody having a whale of a time. It makes some cynical, some sad and a few don't care. Take care of yourself and keep well.

Your loving daughter, Helen.

Holland, Dec. 14, 1944.

Dear Poppy:

Still no mail, still hoping everything is all right with you. I am still in the same place and probably will be for some time. It looks as if the war will last until next summer at least.

The work I am doing is enjoyable, but I get homesick when I ehink how far away I am and no mail even to let me know how every body is. Maybe when my new APO number is established I'll get better service. My back mail should reach me before Christmas.

We are planning to distribute 10,000 gifts to GIs on Christmas day and have a Christmas dinner with some of them. Then we'll have our own Christmas dinner at night. We'll have Christmas trees on the clubmobiles. There are some very pretty ones near here in Germany. Ornaments are easy to find in captured cities.

Time seems to pass quite quickly because there are so many people around all the time. A few weeks ago we were all living at the home of a Dutch doctor for awhile. The doctor and his family had a party for us, and it was there I met George Forsythe a lieutenant colonel who had been in the 30th infantry regiment with Buzz. Buzz was his company commander at the time. He told me about other friends of Buzz in the Ninth Army. Practically all of them are. It is too bad Buzz couldn't be here, too, except I don't like the looks of things for the boys at the front. There is going to come a day when there will be a terrific fight to a show down.

Well, a couple of nights later I met Laurie Dickie, who comes to visit one of the girls here now and then. And then Al Martin came to see me for a few minutes the following night. He is a major and probably soon will be a Lt. Col. Dickie is a major too. Both of them had recent letters from Buzz.

Yesterday while I was serving, I almost met Louis Butz, an ex-student and son of the family burned out last summer. He is the only Nevada City boy I know of in this section. He happened to be out when I stopped by his outfit in Germany.

A few nights ago I went to a party with George Hodges and Colonel Miller. We have a ten o'clock curfew so the party didn't last long for me; but I had a good time. There are quite a few parties here because the troops coming out of the lines like to have them just to be merry for awhile, I attend some of them.

Did you get the stamps I sent you? I have a few German cancelled ones. Maybe later I'll be able to get more. It is hard to keep track of days here. They are very much alike. I am working on the clubmobile "Rio Grande" for awhile until two crew members get back from leave.

I had a very interesting day yesterday with a field artillery unit: A very kind commander showed us how a mission was carried out, how the target is found, the guns elevated and sighted, the while works. Some of our guns make a terrfic noise.

I was just interrupted by a boy named Jansen from Lincoln, Calif. His father is a furniture dealer. Thought you might know him.

Hoping to get mail soon. Your loving daughter, Helen.

LARGE RUN OF KING SALMON

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8—California salmon landings in 1944 throughout October have been the largest since 1920, when 10,204,---pounds were brought in by commercial fishermen.

The gill net catches in the Sacramento river district totalled 3,189,000 pounds, the remainder of the catch was taken by trollers off the coast.

The heavy catch this year is associated with the largest runs of salmon ever recorded for the central valleys area. Over 150,000 fish entered the area above the Table Mountain dam site on the main Sacramento river for spawning and a heavy run was also counted into Battle Creek. The run on the American river of spring and fall salmon was approximately 20,000 and over 130,000 salmon have spawned in the Tuolumne river above Modesto.

In the San Joaquin river a heavy spring run of salmon that was headed for the area below Friant dam was blocked by a dam near Dos Palos. This block was remedied, but due to the shallow water tremendous losses were inflicted on this run by the spear fishermen. As a result of these losses and this block only 5000 of the estimated 15,000 salman reached the upper San Joaquin river.

It is interesting to note that while the Columbia river is considered to be the principal salmon river on the coast, the king salmon runs in the central valleys streams are as large or larger than those passing Bonville on the Columbia in the states of Oregon and Washington.

FORMER SAILOR ADMITS THEFT

Raymond Turning, 19, a discharged sailor from the U. S. Navy is in the Nevada County jail, facing trial for grand theft and forgery, and an FBI accusation of illegally wearing a naval uniform.

Turning's companion in an alleged robbery of checks and cash in Grass Valley is assertedly William T. Dillon, U. S. Navy seaman, AWOL from Mare Island. Dillon is being held by the navy shore patrol and probably will not be prosecuted here.

Grass Valley police report that Turning and Dillon were guests of Mrs. Joyce E. Pederson of 125 Ocean Avenue on Wednesday and apparently learned then where she kept her cash. They returned Thursday while she was absent and stole checks and cash. On Friday the police on tips received learned there had been a robbery. Residents of Empire street had noted that the two sailors had hidden something beneath a rock. Investigation revealed the checks which apparenely the two wished to discard.

The Grass Valley police were notified and had identified the two, knew there had been a robbery, but it remained for Mrs. Pederson to discover her loss and report ti Friday. A description of the two was sent to Sacramento police who arrested the pair, Dillon in Hotel Clunie and urning at the Giant Spot Cafe where he was a cook. Policemen Henry Strick and Frank Knuckey went to Sacramento where they assisted the Sacramento police in questioning them. They returned with Turning.

Turning arraigned in the Grass Valley township court Saturday afternoon confessed his guilt and was held to answer on a charge of grand theft. He admitted he had endorsed and cashed a $100 insurance check belonging to Mrs. Pederson in Montgomery Wards store in Auburn.

SNOW ACCUMULATES

Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of Tahoe national forest reports that at Soda Springs on Highway 40 there is a snow pack 26 inches deep with powder snow on top of 12 inches. At Cisco and Big Bend the snow pack was 19 inches deep with powdered snow of 10 inches. At Truckee eight inches of variable snow covered a snow pack of 15 inches. Tahoe Citys snow pack was 14 inches with 7 in. variable snow covering.

SALE OF HOME CANNED FOODS IS PROHIBITED

Sale of home canned low acid foods is a violation of the state cannery inspection act. Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, director state department of public health, warned today.

The department of foods and drug inshpectors have reported that such foods are being offered for sale at roadside stands, grocery stores, and church bazaars, as well as being served to restaurant patrons. Dr. Halverson said. Only commercially packed low acid foods, packed in licensed canneries under supervision can be sold in California, he emphasized.

All home cooked non acid foods which are not processed in a steam pressure cooker according to the directions of the University of California, are potential sources of botulism a highly fatal food poisoning, Halverson stated. In 1944 eleven cases of botluism poisoning with seven deaths, which were caused by improperly home canned foods such as corn, beets, asparagus, string beans and pigs feet, occurred in the state he reported.

Boiling home canned non acid foods for 15 minutes before tasting even tiny amounts is the only safe guard against botulism. Non acid foods include all vegetables except tomatoes and rhubarb, olives, meats, fish and poultry.

U. C. BOTANIST TO WRITE OF ANDES FLORA

BERKELEY, Jan. 8—A California scientist will be one of the writers for a new Argentine journal, Dr. T. H. Goodspeed, professor of botany on the Berkeley campus of the University of California has been invited to become a collaborator of the new publication Eíncia e Investigacion.

The journal edited by a group of Argentine scientists, has just begun publication in Buenos Aires. It is to become the South American equivalent of the well known United States journal, Science and the English one called Nature. In addition to special articles on major scientific problems, it will contain reports on research achievements, scientific events, personalities, articles on the teaching of science and book reviews.

Goodspeed has been invited to furnish material on botanical matters in the United States and special articles in Spanish on the orogin of tobacco and other cultivated plants, and upon the flora of the Andes.

In a letter to Dr. Goodspeed, Dr. Eduardo Braun Menendez, chairman of the board of editors of the new journal expresses the hope that Eincia e Investigacion will point to the international quality of scientific research in which scientists finds a common basis for mutual understanding."

New Navy Hospital Course Offered At U. C.

BERKELEY, Jan. 8—A course for hospital corps officers in the navy, a special training course in sanitation the first of its type ever offered, is being given by the School of Public Health on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, according to Dr. Walter H. Brown, acting dean of the school.

Twenty five hospital corps officers are enrolled under the command of Captain Albert P. Krueger, commonding officer of the United States Naval Medical Research Unit No. 1 on the Berkeley campus. Walter S. Mangold, sanitarian of the university, and lecturer in bacteriology is in charge of the course.

Instruction began January 1, and will continue for three months. It includes training in all phases of sanitation and will equip the men to hold billets as sanitation officers. These officers have charge of the inspection of housing, ships galleys, disposal of wastes, and all aspects of public health where the environment is a contributing factor. The course will be repeated beginning April 2 when another twenty five officers will be enrolled.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder at the reckless speed
With which some rumorrs fly,
Once on the wing, they may evade
The astute FBI
For as they fly, they gather force
And change in shape and size,
Until the ones who gave them wings
Are filled with awed surprise.

Learning the new date, January 1045, was not so difficult a task and already we are beginning to write it quite automtically. Keeping our new years's resolutions was a different matter. an many of them are even now, either broken or at least sadly bent.

Having had trouble with new year's resolutions in times past, this year I decided not to make any, then I changed my mind and made just one—and that one is, "resolved, that I will refrain from repeating rumors for the next 365 days."

Because of our love for the beautiful and valuable forests of California and for the sake of the wild life sheltered beneath their leafy branches, we willingly obey the injunction, "prevent forest fires," and wisely extend our precautions to our homes and communities. We have witnessed the ravages of unleashed fires and the duty of proventing them wherever and whenever possible, is one which we conscientiously assume.

A rumor during these days when we are fighting a ruthless foe, may create greater havoc than many a forest fire; for it may impede war efforts, depress morale and even cost the lives of those who are fighting to make men free.

Many rumors that come to our ears are inspired by foreign spies within our borders, or by those who are in the pay of the enemy. We know that evil forces are active in our midst and it is our duty to guard the home front by refusing to aid them by repeating their malicious rumors—rumors intended to divide us, confuse and mislead us, disrupt the war effort and shake our faith in our country, its institutions and its leaders.

One safe method of dealing with rumors has been suggested by those who fully recognize their evil influences and hve traced many of them to their ying sources. Let us remember to adopt this rule an never deviate from it.

If you hear a rumor—don't repeat it; if you see something from which a rumor might be created—don't tell it. Only that which is heard on the radio or read in the newspapers, is okay for release.

We protect our forests by banking camp fires and taking precautions with cigarettes and lighted matches. Let us protect the home front, which is of vastly greater importance by placing a guard upon our lips.

The rights of which we so proudly boast, and in reality responsibilities. We must remember that when exercising our right of free speech. Rumors have wings, they fly in ever widening circles and their powers of desrtuction can in no wise be measured. For the sake of our valiant men over there, we must not be rumor mongers.—A. Merriah Conner.

FOURTH TERM INAUGURAL

At a White House ceremony on January 20, which will supplant the customary inaugural at the Capitol, Franklin Roosevelt will be inaugurated as president of the United States for a fourth term. It will be not only an historic and precedent shattering occasion: it will be one of the gravest occasions in the life of this nation. For Roosevelt will take his oath of office for his fourth term at a time when American men are dying in fearful agony, by the thousands and tens of thousands, that our government may endure, and that the torch of liberty may still burn brightly in a dark world.

The wounded and the dying will not be there. For them, there is no pomp or ceremony, but only blood and suffering—and the crushing weight of war's indignities. The mothers who have lost sons, the wives who have lost husbands, and the fathers with fear in their hearts for their boys—they will not be gathered there on the White House lawns, as the nation inaugurates its president. But their presence will be felt there, for the stark but unseen backdrop of this inaugural will be the blood stained western front, the shores of battle torn Leyte and Mindoro—and rows on rows of homes throughout America with service stars in their windows.

We hope that not only President Roosevelt but every government official in our national capital, will be impressed with the solemnity of that occasion. We hope that as the president starts his fourth term in office he will put aside any rancor which may linger from the campaign, and will consecreate himself to the greatest task any president of this nation ever has undertaken, with full confidence that the American people regardless of party or creed, are solidly united with him in the cause of freedom and victory.—Contributed.

ICKES ITCHES FOR NEW AUTHORITY

The recent announcement that Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes wants to see "river valley authorities" set up in California, patterned after TVA, an under the direction of his (Ickes) department hasn't been greeted with loud cheers, either here or elsewhere. Ickes, if he has noted this circumstance, probably considers us a benighted people, unaware of the opportunity which awaits us.

But California's experience with the obdurate Ickes, in connection with the Central Valley Project, San Francisco's Hetch Hetchy Project and sundry other affairs, has hardly been such as to recommend him to us as the high lord mayor of our valleys, which seems to be the job he now has in mind.

The Central Valley Project has been in political hot water ever since Ickes took over its administration, but no irrigation water has yet reached the valley lands which are so desperately in need of it. Similarly, San Francisco has been and still is in hot water with its Hetch Hetchy Project, due to Ickes' attempts to force the city into the power business, even though the city's voters have repeatedly turned down power bond proposals which he suggested.

In outlining his proposal to set up and boss a series of "river valley authorities" in California and other states, along the lines of the TVA experiment, Ickes suggests that his department is the natural coordinator of such activities, with "the experience, the personnel, and broad national outlook on conservation matters," needed for the job.

We are still unimpressed. To us, it looks like another case of Ickes itching for new authority.—Contributed.

OUR VALIANT GI'S

The winter war has brought its reverses, as well as its victories. To millions of Americans, who had hoped that the worst was over in the European conflict, and that Germany was staggering down the road to early defeat, the nazi offensive on the western front was stunning hearebreaking setback. MacArthur's victorious march in the Philippines, with the breath taking jump from Leyte to Mindoro island, only 150 miles from Manila, and the increasing tempo of our B-29 attacks on the Japanese homelands, have brought reassurance that the Pacific war is on scheule, if not far ahead of our timetables.

But America, nonetheless was far from being in holiday mood this year during the Christmas, New Year season—and it is starting the work a day part of 1945 sobered and grimly determined, with the realization that we have suffered serious losses and that the day of final victory may be still far distant.

Through it all, however, the valiant courage of our American fighting men has shone out like a radiant light in a dark sky. Few Americans could read the news dispatches of how American GIs measured up in the fact of reverses and seeming disaster without great pride in their hearts for their sons and brothers. For this "civilian army" of ours, made up not of professional soldiers, but of men from every city and town and hamlet in America—men of every creed, color and station—has proved itself with a display of heroism, resourcefulness and indomitable courage never surpassed in the world's history.

Certainly now, every American on the home front, with humble and grateful heart, should resolve to stay on the job—and finish the job. Never again should we permit ourselves to be carried away by over-optimism. Never again should we give less than our best in support of the men who have given us, and our country, the ultimate proof of their devotion.—Contributed.

TAXPAYERS ASSN. REPORTS COUNTY IN GOOD SHAPE

New year's round up of facts about Nevada county government shows the county tax rate for general purposes af $1.36 for 1944-45 compared with $1.46 per $100 of assessed value for 1934-44 assessed value of taxable property in the county of $18,946,470 for 1944-45 compared with $18,543,955 for last year; per capita valuation of $1.195 for this year compared with $1.196 for 1943-44 and 15,900 people estimated in the county at January 1, compared with 15,500 on January 1 1944. These data, summarized by California taxpayers association are for the county alone. Data for the cities and the school and other districts in the county are not included.

County and other local governments in California are, on the whole, in good financial shape at the beginning of 1945 the taxpayers organization said.

The state government with a general fund cash excess which is expected to reach $60,000,000 by June 30 and with $239,000,000 already set aside for post war construction and other obligations is als in fine financial condition to face the post war period.

Comment on the state, the association said, is made advisedly for action by the 1945 legislative session which opens January 8 coul upset the apple cart. Passage of legislation radically increasing the demands on the state treasury could guarantee either new and increased state taxes or the state treasury in the red in the post war period.

Citizens generally should give close attention to expenditures on all levels of government in California, the taxpayers association declared. They should be on guard against excessive or ill timed proposals for the post war projects or services. They should question any further expansion of California's social welfare and aid to the needy structure. They should back every suggestion for improvement in government practive that will release men and women for needed war work. They should emphasize individual responsibility, individual responsibility, individual saving and perpetuation of the free enterprise system. They should insist that all legtimate tax reductions be put into effect when the budget and tax programs for the next fiscal year are made.

Fish and Game Board Orders Deer Scattered

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4—To afford stockmen in the vicinity of Doyle, Lassen County, temporary relief from the heavy concentration of mule deer that are competiing with lievstock for winter forage, the State Fish and Game Commission has ordered that herders be employed to scatter the deer from the areas of greatest concentration. This action was taken when livestock men demanded that the present herd be reduced by at least 500 individuals to prevent further damage to the winter feed. The commission has indicated that such a drastic measure will be postponed pending the conclusion of a study which is now being made in that area.

In the meantime plans are being made for the acquisition of private lands within the winter range area so that the bitter brush and other forage necessary to sustain the deer herd during the winter will be protected during the rest of the year. The land acquisition program will also extend the area available to sportsmen during the open hunting sesaon.

The scattering of the deer at this time will give relief until arrangements are made for better control of the herd in winter.

Miners Foundry Makes 70 Miles Of Camouflage

The Miners Foundry and Supply Company here is making 15,000 stays of small sized cable for camouflage nets for use in the armed services. Laid end to end these stays would reach 70 miles, according to R. R. Goyne, general manager of the company.

Incidentally, there are now 70 men employed in the foundry. Almost of their product is used in the waging of war. Among the large group of mechanics are seven navy and army veterans of World War II, who have received honorable discharges, usually because of wounds suffered in the services. The management states top priority on jobs is accorded war veterans.

Formations of flying pelicans are jokingly referred to as the Panamanian air force, by residents of the canal zone.

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PATTERSON MAY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR NEXT

By CLEM WHITAKER

Newly elected Congressman Ellis E. Patterson of Los Angeles, colorful but turbulent lieutenant governor of California during the Olson regime is a likely aspirant for the democratic nomination for governor next year, according to rumblings along the political rialto.

Leftish in his politics, with a strong CIO attachment, the voluble but likeable Patterson was nosed out for re-election in 1942 by Lieut. Gov. Frederick Houser but ran far ahead of former governor Olson the lead off man on the democratic ticket.

Patterson's come back in the 16th congressional district fight at the recent general election, where he piled up 105,835 votes against 89-700 for his republican opponent, Jesse R. Kellems, was fairly impressive—and the CIO political action committee which expects to take a hand in the 1946 gubernatorial fight, is said to look upon him with considerable favor.

Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, in the opinion of a majority of the democratic leaders, still ranks as their No. 1 prospect to cross swords with Gov. Earl Warren, but there is uncertainty as to whether Kenny will be willing to make the fight. The Bourbons therefore are canvassing their ranks for other possbile contenders, believing that Kenny if he is successful in having the attorney general's office declared nonpartisan may wish to stay in his present post.

No. 4303
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAI, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF TIME APPOINTED FOR PROVIING WILL, ETC.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY K. PARSONS, also known as MARY KATHERINE PARSONS, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that Friday, the 19th day of January, 1945, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Nevada, County of Nevada, has been appointed by me as the time and place for proving the Will of said Mary K. Parsons, also known as Mary Katherine Parsons, deceased, and for hearing the Amended application of W. E. Parsons, also known as William Parsons, for the issuance to him of Letters of Administration, with Will annexed, when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. A prayer for setting the estate aside to surviving spouse is included in said petition.

Dated December 30th, 1944.
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THOS. RICHARDS SUCCUMBS

Funeral services will be held this afternoon in the Holmes Funeral Home for Thomas Richards who died Friday night in a Grass Valley hospital following a short illness.

The deceased was born in Nevada City 70 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Richards, who owned and operated the New York Hotel here during the late sixties and early seventies.

He was associated with his brother W. S. Richards in a grocery store for many years and later became maintenance man for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company at Cisco, Nevada County. He was active officer of Hydraulic Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West and one of the founders of the Order of Curly Bears which was popular among the business and professional men here for several years.

Rev. Cerdic Porter of Trinity Episcopal Church will officiate at the services this afternoon. Graveside rites will be conducted by Hydraulic Parlor. Interment will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Now Is The Time To Plant Trees

BERKELEY, Jan. 8—January and February are ideal tree planting months in California, according to Woodbridge Metcalf extension specialist in forestry, Agricultural Extension Service University of California.

"Good rains during November and December have put the soil in fine condition and trees planted now will get a much better start than if planted too late,"

A large supply of cork oak trees is available at the state nursery for free distribution to those who will plant and care for them. Anyone who has space for a number of these trees may contact the county farm advisor, state forest ranger, or Metcalf, agricultural extension forester, University of California, Berkeley it is announced.

"By planting these trees now you can help develop an emergency supply of cork for the future." Metcalf said.

MRS. CARMEN WHITE PASSES

Last rites were said this afternoon in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary for Mrs. Carmen White, who died Friday in Winnemucca, Nevada. She was stricken while preparing to come to this city to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. Rose E. Fisher who succumbed last week.

Mrs. White had spent her childhood years in Rough and Ready where her grandmother owned and operated the hotel. She was born in Suisun, Solano County, 30 years ago. Her mother, the former Mrs. Olivia Armstrong of Grass Valley, now Mrs. David Janoski and her grandmother, Mrs. Harriett Armstrong survive. Both reside in Oakland.

JAPANESE NO PROBLEM HERE

Walter Carlson, county superintendent of schools, returning from a meeting school superintendents of schools in Sacramento, reported that these officials did not anticipate any serious difficulties in readmitting Japanese children to the public schools, when their parents return to their homes in California.

Carlson stated Nevada County would probably not have to face any problem concerning Japanese childdren, since it has been many years since any Japanese families resided in the county.

Funeral Tomorrow For James Grimes

Funeral services under the direction of Holmes Funeral Home will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in St. Canice Catholic Church for James Grimes who died in Oakland Saturday. Interment will take place in the Catholic Cemetery.

Grimes was born in Oroville, Butte County, 79 years ago, and came with his parents to Nevada City when a boy. He graduated from the schools here and for many years was employed as miner. He was among the first group of miners to reach Tonopah, Nevada, after gold was discovered there.

Mrs. Molly Rowlands Succumbs In Oakland

Mrs. Molly Rowlands passed away in Oakland January 2. She was born in North San Juan June 15 1871 and was educated in the schools there. In later years she moved to the San Francisco bay area. She was married to William Rowlands formerly of Camptonville and they made their home in Oakland for thirty years. Mrs. Rowlands was buried in Mt. View Cemetery January 6. Besides her husband she leaves a niece, Mrs. Seley Fuller of Fresno and numerous cousins to mourn her passing.

Heavy Rainfall In Sierra County

DOWNIEVILLE, Jan. 8—William A. Nelson fire control assistant, and Fred T. Rixey, timber scaler of the Tahoe national forest staff, have returned from a survey of snow conditions on the Yuba Pass Summit. They report that average depth of the snow measured was 34.36 inches with a water content of 11.36 inches. Snow conditions were excellent for skiing.

Snow measurements will be taken at Yuba Pass, Gold Lake, Summit, Sardine Creek Flat and Haypress Meadows each month until April. At Simi's Camp Pioneer Lodge rain gauge was checked and at the Downieville ranger station the automatic rain gauge measured precipitation as on January 4, 26.68 inches as compared with 11.69 inches for the same period last year.

Mine Workers Protective League Seats Officers

The Mine Workers Protective League installed its new president, Russell Miller, elected to succeed Samuel Scovill, who served two terms.

Darrell Kitts past president, was installing officer. Others seated in league offices were Charles Goudge, vice president, Ed J. Jones, recording secretary, William Rowett, financial secretary, Frank X. Ducotey, treasurer, John M. Young, conductor, Ed Baldwin, door keeper, Richard Bennallack, trustees for the three year term, Charles Hatch auditing committee member for three years, William Penaluna and Fred Wales, executive committee members.

Pasties and beer were served in the banquet hall of the league's headquarters.

W. O. Deal, inspector for the State Department of Public Health, on invitation of City Health Officer George Calanan, completed a survey of Nevada City with regard to its rat population, and yesterday reported that the rodents were not numerous enough to cause alarm.

He recommended that refuse accumulations be eliminated and that all food be kept out of reach of the pests. In some instances he gave instructions for poisoning, where such measures might prove effective. He found that evidence that rats were not presently a menace.

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CHAPTER XV

These were led by five of the best men of the AVG, and there was one great ace-in-the-hole that only the General and the AVG could have arranged: Two squadrons of these Flying Tigers had agreed to stay behind for a two weeks' period to help the newly formed 23rd Fighter Group. I think this gesture by those men such as Bob Neal, Charley Bond, George T. Burgard, Frank Lawlor, John E. Petack, Jim Howard, and others who were suffering from combat fatigue and ill health, was one of the bravest and most self-sacrificing incidents of this war. In the two weeks that they remained, two of them gave their lives, and their sacrifice was beyond the call of mere duty. These men, with those five who stayed with us to lead our squadrons — Hill, Rector, Schiel, Bright and Sawyer—and the AVG radio, engineering, armament, and ground personnel, were our backbone and our inspiration. We of the 23rd Fighter Group salute you.

That Fourth of July, as the overconfident enemy ships came in over Kweilin, they brought a new twin-engine fighter that was supposed to murder us. They came in doing arrogant acrobatics, expecting to strafe the Chinese civilians in the city without opposition. General Chennault watched them with field glasses from outside the cave and called directions to Bob Neal, Ed Rector, and Tex Hill, who were sitting with their ships "in the sun" high overhead, at twenty-one thousand. At his radio order of "Take 'em," the newly formed 23rd with the AVG attached dropped down and massacred the Japs. There were soon thirteen wrecked Zeros and new twin-engined I-45's around the field for the Chinese to celebrate over.

Out of this initial air battle for the new Group came one of the best nicknames of the war. General Chennault told me that after the Jap attack had been broken he saw a lone Zero tear across the tops of the hills that jutted up all around Kweilin, and far behind it he heard the unmistakable rolling thunder of six fifty-calibre guns. The hurrying Jap kept going in the direction of Canton and home, and had just about disappeared in the Southeast when the General saw a shark-nosed P-40 roar out of the West, with its six guns going steadily, the tracers dropping far, far below and behind the fleeing Zero. Well, the Jap got away and when the American ship had finally gotten his guns stopped and cool enough to land, the pilot was found to be Lieutenant Dumas —just an eager American pilot who had seen the Jap at too great distance and had opened up.

Dumas laughingly told us, during the usual kidding that came that evening, that it had been the first time he had seen an enemy plane, and he had gotten so excited that he'd fired too soon. All he did was shoot—but when he got the trigger down and saw the tracers out in front he couldn't turn it loose. He felt about the same way that all of us feel in our first combat. But this escapade earned for him the title of "Long Burst Dumas."

Thus was the 23rd Fighter Group organized, initiated, and activated in combat. When I took over things at Kunming there were three fighter squadrons and one headquarters squadron. Major Tex Hill had one squadron at Hengyang, China, and with him were such deputy leaders as Maj. Gil Bright, Maj. Johnny Alison, and Capt. Ajax Baumler. Maj. Ed Rector had another squadron at Kweilin with Capt. Charlie Sawyer for his assistant in leadership. These outlying stations are about five hundred miles in the direction of Japan from our headquarters on the plateau of Yunnan at Kunming. The third unit was the squadron under Maj. Frank Schiel, who was very busy training the most junior members of this new fighter group in the way of fighter aviation. I got the Group headquarters to running and stood by for orders to begin leading the fighter forces in action to the East.

On July 10, Tex Hill led a small flight, including Baumler, Alison, Lieut. Lee Minor, and Lieut. Elias, up on the Yangtse. Their prime job was to escort a few B-25 medium bombers against the docks of Hankow. This objective of mission with our China force was never all we considered to be the duty of our fighters, for if any other target presented itself after the bombers were on the way home, we'd have some fun. Tex Hill led his flight along with the bombers, who were led by Col. C. V. Haynes. After the bombs had been released and the B-25's were heading back for base with their bomb-bay doors closed, Tex called for an attack by the fighters on the enemy shipping in the river.

One of the bomber pilots said that Tex rolled his ship over from sixteen thousand feet and streaked down for the Jap gunboats below. The little gunboats were shooting everything they had at the American fighters—but that, I've learned since, was what Hill liked. Tex Hill's guns were firing even as he pulled out right on the water, and they swept the decks of the enemy gunboats. The bomber pilot said that as the fighter ships would turn low to the water and come in, each concentrating on one of the little Jap warships, he could see the six lines of fifty-calibre tracers cutting across the water. At long range they seemed to meet out in front of the fighter and then fan out and cover the deck of the target. Then, as the speed of the fighter narrowed the range, the point where the fire crossed—the zero or convergence point of the guns—was right at the waterline of the Jap boat, and it must have knocked in a hole that crippled the boat right away. On the second attack one of these gunboats was sinking and on fire. Hill's four fighters sank all four of the little metal gunboats.

Next day, on another flight such as this one, Hill led eight fighters, four with wing bombs, for dive-bombing Nanchang. While these four went down with their bombs, Hill was to stay aloft with the other four to act as top-cover—just in case some Zeros tried to surprise the dive-bombers. Ajax Baumler said that he saw the whole thing: Johnny Petack dove for his target, one of the gunboats on the lake, but as his bomb hit the boat the P-40 was seen to explode, evidently hit by ground-fire. Ajax followed the burning ship almost to the ground and saw it strike in a rice paddy near a Buddhist temple.

So Petack, one of the AVG who had stayed for the extra two weeks, was killed in action. It's peculiar how a man could fight all through those last nine months and then go down from a lucky anti-aircraft shot. John Petack had remained for the purpose of training the new pilots and his job was that of airdrome defense. He was killed on this offensive mission. It was one that he could have refused with honor; instead, he had volunteered for this dive-bombing flight and had been killed in carrying it out. It was the most inspiring thing he could have done.

I kept sweating out the organization of the Group, and finally on July 17, I received orders from the General to proceed to Kweilin area and take charge of fighter operations. I know my heart nearly beat my ribs to pieces, for I was at last being ordered to go out and lead the fighting. Just as I landed on this airdrome in the Kwansi province I saw the remainder of the AVG get

Major Ed Rector, AVG ace and squadron commanding officer, who took heavy toll of the Japs.

into a transport to begin their long trip home to the U. S. A. They called to me as they got aboard and I saw Bob Neal, their greatest ace, wave from the door as he stepped in. We were on our own now, except for the five AVG veterans who had accepted induction in China, and the thirty-odd groundmen.

As the transport got away and the dust settled down, I climbed out of my fighter and looked around at the country. I could but marvel at the geographical situation. Colonel Cooper and I—Cooper had been in the movie production business—used to discuss the peculiar beauty of the place, and he'd say that it would make the greatest location in the world for a moving picture.

It was a flat, tableland country, and over the ages it must have been under water. From the level plain rose vertical, rocky hills, like stalagmites. These were honeycombed with caves where water, when they were submerged, must have dissolved the limestone that had been in the pockets. Evidently the glacier period had planed the valley flat as the glacier moved South, but the jagged rocks had withstood the pressure. Then, as the glacier melted, the caves had formed under water. Now the gray pinnacles of lava-like rock pointed straight towards the heavens. These one-thousand- to two-thousand-foot sentinels gave the valley an eery appearance that always subdued my general feeling of cheerfulness. As long as I went to Kweilin, I dreaded the extra nervous tension that I knew it would produce. Add to this a summer temperature of over 100 degrees, a humidity of almost 100 per cent, and a fine powdery dust that gagged you, and you can realize that Kweilin was not a summer resort.

There was just the single runway for the planes, cut there between those silent needles of stone. We had operations office in one of the natural caves, and the radio set in another. As I climbed out of my P-40, I could see neither.

Here in Kweilin I first had explained to me the air-raid warning system on which we depended. It was of course a working dream that General Chennault had developed. Many times it has saved our fighter force in China, and without it our chances there against the Japanese would have been hopeless.

It seems that the General had always known that Japan was our natural enemy. When he was retired from the Air Corps, instead of staying on his farm in Waterproof, Louisiana, for the rest of his life and living an easy life shooting ducks and fishing, he had gone to China. Here, in a rugged existence, he had told his story to the Generalissimo. With the approval of high Chinese officials he had built this air-warning net, had caused to be constructed many strategic airdromes in China, and had preached the doctrine of pursuit aviation.

The warning net is of course secret and cannot be discussed in detail. But if you imagine two concentric circles, one with a radius of one hundred kilometers and the other of two hundred kilometers, around each of most of the fields and large cities in Free China, you have a general picture. In these circles are thousands of reporting stations —some within the enemy lines, some right on the enemy fields themselves. There may be a coolie sitting on a city wall watching for airplanes or listening for engine noise and reporting it with a visual signal. There may be a mandarin in a watch tower; a soldier in a field with a walkie-talkie radio. All reports finally get in to the outer circle, where some of the information is refiltered, and finally it goes to the plotting-board in our cave or operations shack. There Chinese interpreters get the reports and move little pin flags along the map of China—and we know where every enemy ship is in our territory and can see where ours are. The net works so efficiently in certain areas that we don't take off until the Japs are within the one-hundred-kilometer circle; this gives us more fuel with which to fight.

When the Japs come we know at what altitude they are approaching and from exactly what direction. We know their speed and their numbers. It's kind of a joke, too, that in several places we know when the Japanese roll their ships from their hangars or revetments, when they start their engines, and when they take off. Also it not only works for the obvious purpose of defense but has permitted us in many cases to locate lost pilots, for the navigation facilities in China are not the world's best.

Of course the locating of lost, friendly ships took another element besides the warning net. It required the existence of intelligent radio operators who knew the country and had common sense. These men, like Richardson, Mihalko, Miller, and Sasser, with others, stayed out there with us, and if you count the AVG aces as the first factor that permitted us to carry on in a manner that didn't discredit the Flying Tigers, then these men who helped us by radio were the close second factor.

Suppose that one of our pilots, returning from a flight, loses his position on his map because of a cross-wind, because of unfamiliarity with the country, because of his own stupidity—which we call a "short circuit between the head-phones"—or just because the maps of China are very inaccurate. In many such instances we would have lost an airplane worth virtually millions in our combat zone, and perhaps the pilot too.

The pilot who is lost calls the radio station that he thinks is closest to him, and in code tells the trouble. The radioman tells him to circle the next town he passes for a few minutes. Down in that town, marked on his map with an unknown Chinese character, some member of this warning net sees him and reports one P-40 circling. In a few minutes the radio operator gets the report and tells the pilot: "You're reported over Lufeng—fly fifty-eight degrees at two hundred miles an hour and we'll have supper ready—we've got grits tonight—yeah."

One amusing but near-tragic instance of this orientation by means of the air-warning net happened about the time the AVG induction board came to China. Another fighter group commander had waited for several days over in India to come into China with a large flight of P-40E 1's. He finally came over on a transport and eventually got tired of waiting for the fighters. He didn't know that the weather was very bad in Burma, and that the monsoon winds from the South could take them so far off course in a few minutes that the entire flight might easily get lost.

After a long wait he came back to Assam in the transport and led his pilots towards Kunming. First of all, he corrected too much for the southerly wind, and in a very short time he was fifty miles South of his course and near two Japanese fields. His unbashful deputy leaders herded him to the North. And then the monsoon wind from out the Indian Ocean began to work on his navigation, and in another hour he was lost far to the North of the course. Night was falling, and the hills of North China were rising threateningly.

Then the net, if it hadn't justified its existence long before, would have begun to pay for itself. The leader called Kunming, and the operator there, a tough old former Navy man, heard him and gave the instructions: "Circle the first town you see." The group commander began to argue at once—said he didn't have enough gas to waste circling; but the AVG radio-man talked him into doing it. Then the net reported, and Kunming operator said, "You're over Yangpi—fly 240 degrees for twenty minutes and you'll see the lake Kunming is on."

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Raymond Davies—

Relatives and friends have received word Raymond Davies is in England arriving there a month ago. He is the son of Mrs. Margaret Davies and is better known to his many friends here as 'Smiley'. He is in U. S. infantry. Raymond attended the local schools and is a general favorite with his classmates. His last trip home was July 4th.

Max Solaro—

A recent letter from Max Solaro former Nevada City chief of police, stated he was in the Marianna Islands. Max is in the BCs and left the United States early last year for the South Pacific war zone. He was stationed at Hawaii for many months before starting to move toward the fighting area.

Sgt. Ainsley W. Fouyer—

Marine Sergeant Ainsley W. Fouyer, 22, has recently been graduated from the infantry school battalion at Camp Pendleton in Southern California and awaits assignment to a Marine combat unit.

Sergeant Fouyer was graduated from Nevada City high school in 1939, where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. He enlisted in the Marines in 1941 and has served 27 months in the Pacific area.

PERSONALS

Major Jesse P. Morgan has arrived from Brownsville, Texas to spend some time in Nevada City with his family while he recuperates from recent surgery at that army post.

Robert Vanberg, who was painfully wounded in action with Patton's army in France, has notified his sister Eleanor that he is now hospitalized in Massachusetts and hopes to be able to come to his home here in the near future.

Mrs. Mary R. Davies, clerk stenographer at the Downieville ranger station is being assigned to a two weeks training detail to the Tahoe national forest office at Nevada City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Woods of Boulder street have returned from a holdiay vacation in Southern California part of which was spent at Santa Anna, with their daughter and son in law Cpl. and Mrs. Carl J. Toziassen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gibson of San Francisco were recent visitors with her sister and brother in law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Tremaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pooler motored to Roseville the latter part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vivian who were returning to Happy Camp after a several day visit here.

Miss Lily Dueschesi and mother, Mrs. Z. Zanocco, have left for San Luis Obispo for a visit with the latter's son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kistle were recent business visitors in San Francisco. Jim spent many months in voyages with the merchant marines and made trips into the Mediterranian area.

Mrs. A. Jacobs left Wednesday, December 27th for Chicago where she is visiting her mother. Mrs. Jacobs father passed away two years ago and she was not able to go to his bedside due to no possible chance of traveling by train or plane.

Friends have received a message from Roy Swift, formerly employed in the Murchie Mine as a metallurgits stating he is now with the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. He has been an instructor in a university in Alaska over two years, and with his wife left Fairbanks, by plane for their new home. Roy states the trip was quick and pleasant. He sent greetings to his many friends in Nevada City and Grass Valley.

BIRTHS

DEPPISH—In Nevada City, Nevada County, January 2, 7945, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Deppish of the Wolf district, a daughter.

FULTON—In Nevada City, Nevada County, January 29, 1945 to Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton of Grass Valley, a daughter.

TEEN AGERS DANCE

Nevada City teen agers enjoyed another dance in Trinity Parish Hall Friday evening under the supervision of Mrs. Jesse P. Morgan, Twila Smart was student chairman for the occasion.

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17. Alfalfa . . . . . tons	FIRST	11.7
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MARCH OF DIMES OPENS JAN. 14

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8—For the seventh year, Joseph M. Schenck noted motion picture producer, will serve as state chairman for the annual March of Dimes appeal, it was announced by Basil O'Connor president of the National Foundation for Iufantile Paralysis.

The appeal starts nationally January 14th and continues through January 31st. Dan Marovich, California representative, will again direct the organization work. Frank Belgrano, past national commander of the American Legion and east bay banker, will serve for the second year as northern California chairman. In Southern California activities will be handled by William Bishop as assistant to state chairman Schenck.

California has ranked each year since the March of Dimes started as second among the states in the amounts subscribed.

The nation during the twelve months of 1944 faced its second worst infantile paralysis epidemic in history, with more than 19,000 cases. This state, despite the hundreds of thousands of additional meen, women and children brought here by the war, was low in the number of polio cases compared to other sections of the country this year, but in 1943 California was one of the three highest in the nation struck by the dread polio disease which afflicted men, women and children.

Reparations Would Make Soft Peace

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 8—Paradoxically, those who favor reparatoins from Germany after the war are the proponents of a soft peace, according to Dr. Malborne W. Graham, professor of political scienee on the Los Angeles Campus of the University of California.

In an address on the problem of Germany's place in past war Europe, Graham pointed out that in order to pay reparations, Germany would have to retain her heavy industry and continue her production of steel, chemicals and textiles.

"Those looking to the future with any sort of permanence for peace see that the reparations system beguiling in its promise of immediate rewards, the period most frequently mentioned is five years, only rebuilds the frankenstein we are out to destroy." Graham declared.

Instead of a program of reparations, Dr. Graham suggested that Germany be controlled by depriving her for some time of her merchant marine and by substiting light industry and agriculture for heavy industry as the pattern of the nation's economy.

How To Get Your 1945 Auto Plate

How to register your automobile for 1945 and get the single license plate for the rear of the car which is being issued to California motor vehicle owners during the renewal period, which opened January 2 and runs to February 5, was outlined today by the California State Automobile Association. The new plate of white letters on a black background will be the first issued in this state since 1941 and will replace plates which have seen four years use on most cars. Motorists are advised to be sure to remove the old plate from the front of the automobile.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles is issuing plates at offices throughout the state and the California State Automobile Association is renewing registration for its 117,000 members a offices in thirty four cities.

Total fees to be paid (the same as in 1943 and in 1944) are stated in th elower left hand corner of the registration card for 1944. This card the white slip, must be presented when making application for renewal of registration. Be sure your address is correct on this card. Car owners whose registration card is lost or illegible must apply for a duplicate paying a state fee of 50 cents.

The ownership certificate as well as the registration card must be presented, if the legal owner is being released of if there is a transfer of ownership, together with a transfer fee of $1.

Failure to apply for renewal of registration before expiration of the period, at midnight February 5, is penalized by doubling the registration fee, making it $6 instead of $3 and adding 50 per cent to the amount of the vehicle license fee.

The Twin Peaks tunnel in San Francisco is more than a mile long and accommodates only street cars.

NEW CHEMICAL KILL PESTS IN FARM SOILS

BERKELEY, Jan. 8—One of the most promising of the new chemicals now being used in man's fight against the enemies of agriculture, is DD, a soil fumigant, insecticide and weed killer. So says Dr. C. B. Hutchinson dean of the College of Agriculture, University of California.

Developed as a by product of the production of a war chemical, this substance is proving amazingly effective in the control of plant nematodes. These minute worms are one of the most difficult of the plant pests to fight; in some cases horticulturists have resorted to steam sterilization of the soil to get rid of them. It has also been found that DD can be used to kill various types of insects and fungi in the soil. Dean Hutchinson says.

Demands for the new chemical are tremeidous; Hawaii alone has asked for more than twice the total United States output to use in fighting the nematodes which attack the roots of pinetpple plants. Production of DD has been limited because of difficulties in obtaining priorities to erect new plants for its manlfacture.

What little DD is available is being proportioned to schools of agriculture for research projects so that when it is finally available the uses and limitations will be wnown. Dr. M. A. Stewart associate professor of parasites is coordinating the research for the eleven western states in the use of DD against nematodes and soil infesting insects. Research at the university is being conducted by Dr. Craig, associate professor of insect physology and W. M. Allen associate in the experiment station.

WOMEN BEAR BRUNT OF HITLER OPPRESSIONS

By LEONE BAXTER

Any lawmaker irked by the diverse activity of the petticoat lobbies, campaigning on both sides and the middle of public questions, should observe the plight of Germany—and be thankful that American women do not all think alike.

No group had more to do with bringing Hitler to power and keeping him there, than the women of Germany. Not only did they give solid backing to the Nazi theory of government by force, but they were among Hitler's most fanatical supporters during the years when the Nazi legions were mowing down their neighbors and fanning victorious out across the continent and west across the sea.

Now, brief years later, according to reports seeping out of Berlin, the German women is suffering the brunt of the nazi disaster.

Of the five million estimated bombed out and homeless in the reich, the majority obviously are women. All between 18 and 80 are required to do the demolition fire fighting and cleanup work of the disaster squads. No excuses are permitted even from expectant mothers, who must report for duty up to the 8th month of pregnancy. All between 20 and 63 must work at regular jobs as dock workers, coal miners or whatever else may be assigned and 14 year old girls make up a big portion of the forced farm labor. Women in the munitions plants must live on the present premises, since family contacts might disclose factory locations.

It is not, however, the hard, unceasing work demands that point to a womans revolt in Germany. observes one reich visitor, N. Joglu, returning with a trade delegation from his native Turkey. It is not the sreaming allied bombs nor fearsome allied pounding on Germany's faltering fronts. It is the German womans final realization that the principle of force and cruelty that she endorsed so unanimously as a weapon against others now has been turned against her—the vaunted "pure aryan" woman.

Her unexcused absence from work means a prison term. Her slightest criticism of obnoxious regulations is a concentration camp offense. Placards tell her " a German woman does not use cosmetics" and she knows better than to doubt it for an instant.

Indsicriminate child breeding outside wedlock is beginning to pall on German women, except among the fanatical Hitler youth girls in the camps who still worship Hitler as a god.

Scratchy wood fiber clothes long ago replaced virtually all others, and such ordinary necessities as toothbrushes, soap and combs are unobtainable. The old time neatness of the German hausfrau is gone, replaced by sloppiness of both person and surroundings.

Time will tell whether German women have learned their lesson. But from their plight we can re-learn our own. It is variety of opinion publicly expressed and discussed that keeps a free government from veering too far to the left into revolutionary upheaval, or too far to the right, into reactionary sterility.

S. P. Still Short 10,000 Workers

Southern Pacific's freight and passenger loads piled up new all time traffic records in 1944, President A. T. Mercier reported in a pear and statement of the railroad's activities.

Among the chief factors enabling the rail lines to carry the vastly increased wartime transport burden, the railroad president listed:

1—Good teamwork within railroad's own organization, with its customers, with military and government agencies, and close cooperation among the railroads, which comprise the country's basic transtation system.

2—New technological improvements and the cumulative effect of efficiencies of recent years.

Manpower shortage of nearly 10,000 continues to be Southern Pacific's No. 1 problem, Mercier said, pointing out that the company now now 16,477 former employes in the armed forces.

"The Southern Pacific looks to the future with confidence," he declared. "We are not afraid of post war competition with other forms of transportation on a fair and equitable basis."

SCHOOLS REOPEN

Grass Valley and Nevada City schools reopened today after the Christmas vacation. Bus schedules and class room hours remain unchanged, it was stated.

More than 400,000 jeeps have been made for the army and navy.

Former School Teacher Of Grass Valley Succumbs

Last rites were said for Mrs. Marion Shoemaker, Saturday at 9:30 a. m. in St. Patrick's Catholic Chu ch under direction of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary. Mrs. Shoemaker died Wednesday morning at 3:50 o'clock. Interment took place in the Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Shoemaker was born in Grass Valley 80 years ago and had lived there all her life. She was a noted early day school teacher. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Alice Morateur of Grass Valley and Mrs. Leah Grover of Berkeley. Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Lucy Rust of Grass Valley, and brothers, Thomas and Michael Maguire of Grass Valley, and James Maguire of Oakland. A grandson, Donald Grover, is in the U. S. Navy.

Covered Wagon Immigrant 88 Years of Age, Passes

Funeral services were held in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary chapel Friday at 10:30 o'clock for Mrs. Rose E. Fisher, who came to California in a covered wagon in 1862 when six years of age, and had spent most of her life in Smartville, Yuba County, and Grass Valley.

Mrs. Fisher was born in Kentucky 88 years ago. She was the mother of Mrs. Persia Bennetts of Grass Valley and the grandmother of Delmar Bennetts, now with the U. S. Army Engineers in Holland. Her late husband wa sengaged for many years in farming and live stock raising in Smartville.

Rev. J. R. Patterson conducted the services. Interment was in the family plot in the Smartville Cemetery.

FIREMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Nevada City Firemens Auxiliary has installed Mrs. Lenore Coughlin, president; Mrs. Nance Raynor, vice president; Mrs. Virginia O'Neill, secretary and Mrs. Forothy Pierce, treasurer.

Installing officers were Mrs. Luvia Kilroy and Mrs. Mary Lou Steger. The installation followed a dinner in the Shamrock Cafe.

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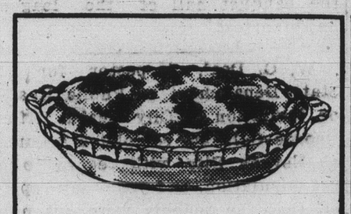

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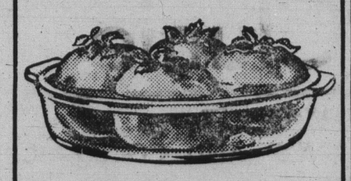

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